IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of patterning an organic electroluminescence device, the method comprising:

sealing an organic electroluminescence device; and

irradiating ~~an~~ the sealed organic electroluminescence device with a laser beam to form a luminescent pattern thereon.

Claim 2 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the laser beam comprises a laser beam of a blue emission wavelength.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of producing an organic electroluminescence device, the method comprising:

forming a first electrode on a substrate;

forming an organic electroluminescence layer on the first electrode;

forming a second electrode on the organic electroluminescence layer;

sealing the first electrode, the organic electroluminescence layer and the second electrode to produce an organic luminescence device having a substantially uniform light emission characteristic; and

irradiating the sealed organic luminescence device with a laser beam to form a predetermined luminescent pattern thereon.

Claim 4 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the laser beam comprises a laser beam of a blue emission wavelength.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): An apparatus for patterning an organic electroluminescence device comprising a laser irradiation section configured to irradiate an organic electroluminescence device with a laser beam to form a luminescent pattern thereon.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the laser irradiation section comprises a semiconductor laser configured to output a laser beam of a blue emission wavelength.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 5 further comprising:

a storage section configured to store a predetermined pattern; and

a control section configured to control the laser irradiation section to irradiate the organic electroluminescence device with the laser beam in accordance with the predetermined pattern.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the laser irradiation section further comprises:

a light source configured to emit the laser beam; and

a scanning section configured to scan the organic electroluminescence device with the laser beam emitted from the light source.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the scanning section comprises a polygon mirror.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 further comprising a pattern input section configured to input data and store the data in the storage section as the predetermined pattern.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The apparatus claimed in claim 10, wherein the pattern input section comprises a data input section configured to be operable by a user to input the data.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The apparatus claimed in claim 10, wherein the pattern input section comprises an image scanning section configured to scan an image as the data.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The apparatus claimed in claim 10, wherein the pattern input section comprises an eternal-storage section configured to read out data recorded on a recording medium as the data.

Claim 14 (New): The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising changing the characteristic of an organic electroluminescence layer of the organic electroluminescence device by irradiating the organic electroluminescence layer with a laser beam.

Claim 15 (New): The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising changing an organic electroluminescence layer of the organic electroluminescence device to be highly resistive by irradiating the organic electroluminescence layer with a laser beam.

Claim 16 (New): The method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising changing the characteristic of the organic electroluminescence layer by irradiating the organic electroluminescence layer with a laser beam.

Claim 17 (New): The method as claimed in claim 3, further comprising changing the organic electroluminescence layer to be highly resistive by irradiating the organic electroluminescence layer with a laser beam.